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Senate Urged to Restore House Killed OPA Controls

WASHINGTON—In a stinging rebuke to the House for what he termed a vote to "strangle price control" at the expense of the American worker, A.F.L. President William Green appealed to the Senate to rescue this legislation and approve an extension of controls for a full year.

"American workers are deeply disappointed by the action of the House of Representatives in adopting amendments which would strangle price control," Mr. Green said.

"The House bill, if left unchanged, threatens to force the cost of living up to unprecedented heights and to endanger our entire economy. It is likely to usher in an era of unbridled profiteering at the expense of the Nation's wage earners.

"The American Federation of Labor does not believe in the perpetuation of government controls. We favor the abolition of the O.P.A. as soon as such action can be taken safely. But to undertake such a move now, when production of many necessities of life is still far below consumer demand, is an open invitation to suicidal inflation.

"Therefore, the American Federation of Labor calls upon the Senate to reject the House bill and to continue O.P.A. for another year without crippling amendments."

The vote to send the bill to the Senate was 355 to 42. O.P.A. Administrator Paul Porter warned Congress that the bill, in its present form, practically ends price control, will add billions of dollars to the cost of living and seriously jeopardize the Nation's stabilization program.

Joining Porter in a vigorous condemnation of the bill, Stabilization Director Chester Bowles declared the measure would doom price control unless revised by the Senate.

Urged to Defy Open Shop Law

LAKELAND, Fla.—Defiance of the Florida law prohibiting closed shop contracts was advised by President William Green of the American Federation of Labor and other Federation representatives in speeches before the opening session of the 25th general convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. Joseph Padway, A.F.L. general counsel, told the delegates to "stand on your closed shop contract until the U. S. Supreme Court has spoken and decided whether this law is valid or invalid."

President Green defied the Florida law and those who he said would weaken the forces of Labor. He ranged the 7,000,000 membership of the A.F.L. alongside the striking United Mine Workers of America. He branded as "rebels" those who broke away from the American Federation of Labor and reiterated an appeal "to those who have left to come back."

Back Wages Collected

Back wages totalling \$1,635,173 due to 17,030 employees in seven Western States, Alaska, and Hawaii under provisions of the Fair Labor Standards and the Public Contracts Acts were agreed to or ordered paid by 713 employers during the nine months period ending April 1. This was announced here by Wesley O. Ash, Regional Director of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U. S. Department of Labor. Of 1,915 inspections of establishments in this area covered by the provisions of the acts, 59, or 3 per cent, were violations of the 40 cent per hour minimum wage provisions of the Wage and Hour Law. Nationally, 11 per cent of covered establishments inspected were found in violation of the minimum wage provision.

A.F.L. Rail Unions Score Gains

WASHINGTON—Its first full-fledged victory with a railroad was recorded by the A.F.L. Technical Engineers, Architects and Draftsmen when Local 201 negotiated a pact with the Frisco, aided by the National Mediation Board. Union President Foster J. Pratt revealed that the contract provides raises of \$40 a month for the engineers, draftsmen and other professional employees.

Affiliates With Council

Credentials for a delegate (John S. Nessman) was received by the San Francisco Labor Council from Marble Shopmen and Helpers, No. 95, when they forwarded their affiliation application.

Department Store Dispute Negotiation Basis Sought

Applause greeted the announcement by Wendell Phillips to the San Francisco Labor Council Friday evening, April 26, that the O'Connor, Moffatt & Co. "strike is off for the present, with a strong possibility that there will be no strike." Mr. Phillips headed the council's executive committee sub-committee. He explained that he and William Storie, executive vice-president of the San Francisco Employers' Council, had worked out tentative basis for further negotiations between principals to the dispute. Discussion between all parties have continued during the past week and it is understood that Retail Department Store Clerks' Union, No. 1100, will hold a membership meeting Friday evening, May 3, to pass on the "tentative basis for negotiations."

The demonstration that greeted Mr. Phillips' report to the council indicated that the council delegates were in full accord with the steps taken by the sub-committee in their determination that the very foundation of collective bargaining was not going to be wiped out by irresponsible actions of some employers. Support was given the clerks' union in their preliminary skirmish with their employers and delegate after delegate promised financial and moral support in the event of the strike becoming a reality. Labor in this city demonstrated that proper issues must be settled in a proper manner.

Organized Workers' Initiative

CHICAGO—Workers employed by city governments are fast organizing in unions. Last year they formed organizations in 69 cities and now, nearly 60 per cent of the nation's cities over 10,000 population have municipal employee groups or unions, the *Civil Service Assembly* says.

Big cities are ahead of smaller municipalities in municipal employees organization. All 14 U. S. cities over 500,000 have municipal employees groups or unions, while less than half the cities between 10,000 and 25,000 have similar units. Of the 1,072 cities over 10,000 population, 618 have some kind of municipal employee organizations.

Major nationally affiliated employees organizations in the public service field are the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, A.F.L.; the International Association of Firefighters, A.F.L.; and the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, C.I.O.

Watch What You Sign

Union men and women should exercise caution when approached to sign initiative petitions. A petition being presently circulated for signatures is one extremely detrimental to Organized Labor and is titled, "Initiative Petition Restricting Collective Bargaining and Labor Union Agreements." This petition, sugar-coated with innocuous language, is dangerous, for it would hamstring unions and their members in collective bargaining negotiations and the normal processes thereto. Another petition is one that deals with war veterans and is titled, "Veterans' Employment." If this initiative petition should become operative, the persons to suffer most are the persons the sponsors say they desire to help. Both petitions were published in the *Labor Clarion* and full explanations were given.

Building Contracts Higher

NEW YORK—Construction contracts were awarded for 74,677 projects to cost \$1,442,493,000 in the 37 States east of the Rocky mountains in the first quarter of 1946, it was reported by F. W. Dodge Corporation, fact-finding organization for the construction industry. This was the highest dollar volume shown for the first quarter of a year since 1928, and was 134 per cent greater than in the first quarter of 1945, when the dollar volume totaled \$616,780,000.

A.F.L. Praised

WASHINGTON—Warm tribute to the American Federation of Labor for its "worthwhile contribution toward keeping our economic situation in order" was voiced on the House floor by Rep. Hubert Ellis of West Virginia. Pointing out that there is an inclination to overlook commendable service on the part of others during these trying times, Representative Ellis lauded A.F.L. unions for their conduct after V-J Day.

Financial Aid Sought by Society of World War II

(State Federation of Labor News Service)

An appeal for financial assistance from employers in Santa Clara county and other sections of the State has been mailed out by the Society of World War II, sponsors of the anti-Labor initiative petition which has been discussed in previous issues of the *Labor Clarion*.

The initiative measure would give any honorably discharged veteran the right to work without the need of joining a Labor union. This effort to create a cleavage between war veterans and the Organized Labor movement has not only already been condemned by representative opinion of veterans' organizations but is uncalled for, in view of the efforts being made by the trade unions to take care of the war veterans.

The society's appeal for funds states flatly, "EVERY CENT will be spent to further the passage of this initiative amendment," and assures the contributor that his contribution of \$10.00 or more will be a material aid to getting veterans jobs now, helping him to choose his own employees, ridding the Labor Movement of racketeers and communists, preserving free enterprise and letting him run his own business again.

It is evident from this demagogic appeal that the sponsors of this initiative petition are asking for funds on grounds that are not involved in the petition itself, and that they are therefore misrepresenting the entire picture to the employers from whom they are eager to obtain financial assistance. By lumping racketeers, communists and free enterprise together, the Society of World War II is resorting to irresponsible misrepresentation as a means of getting money and seeking to create the impression that this money will be spent for the purposes outlined.

Pay Increases Awarded

CHICAGO—The 16 cents an hour wage increase awarded to members of the Switchmen's Union of North America and the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen has been written into contracts between the unions and the railroads. The increase, given by an arbitration board April 3, amounts to \$1.28 a day and is retroactive to January 1.

Although the two unions were dissatisfied with the award, regarding it as inadequate, they did not say whether a further increase would be asked. Such action was taken April 15 by representatives of 15 non-operating unions representing 1,050,000 employees, who also received an award of a 16-cent raise. They filed notices seeking an additional increase of 14 cents an hour, the difference between the award and the original demand of 30 cents.

To Build New Headquarters

LOS ANGELES—Plans for construction of a Hollywood building for the 12,000 members of the Los Angeles Musicians' Association are rapidly nearing completion, and at the same time sale of the present headquarters at 1417 Georgia street is being negotiated, it was disclosed by J. K. ("Spike") Wallace, president of Local 47. Construction work will begin, it was announced, as soon as materials are available. The musicians originally organized in Los Angeles in a cigar store at 110 North Spring street in 1882 and since have occupied various buildings as their headquarters.

Jewish Labor Leader Dies

NEW YORK (LPA)—One of the veteran leaders of the Jewish Labor Movement in the U. S. who worked for many years in the same cigar-making shop with Samuel Gompers, died here last week. Bernard Weinstein, who was one of the founders of the United Hebrew Trades of New York, in 1888, was for many years associated with the *Jewish Daily Forward*. His age was 79.

Molders' Int'l Officer Dies

CINCINNATI—Merl Marks, second vice-president of the International Molders' and Foundry Workers' Union, died April 4 in a Chicago hospital, where he had been under treatment since the middle of March. Funeral services were held at Chicago and burial was at Fort Wayne, Ind.

O.P.A. Radio Programs

Local workingmen and women are urged to tune their radios to Station KGO each Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for the latest authentic news of O.P.A. activities.

Pacific Gas & Electric Wage Increase Notice

Publicity was given in the daily press to the fact that the C.I.O. Utility Workers' Union had objected to the recent announcement of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company granting a 2½ per cent wage increase covering all employees. We are reprinting as information that portion of the wage agreement between the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (A.F.L.) and the Southern California Edison Company which was the basis for the local company's wage boost. The statement follows:

April 26, 1946.

To All Employees: An agreement signed yesterday, concluding wage negotiations between the I.B.E.W. (A.F.L.) and the Southern California Edison Company, resulted in raising the wage structure of that company to approximately 2½ per cent above that of Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Pursuant to the P. G. and E.'s long-established policy of paying wages equal to those of any other gas and electric company in California (a policy reiterated as recently as April 15, 1946, in Employees Bulletin No. 134) we will raise our wage structure 2½ per cent.

The 2½ per cent increase will be retroactive to February 1, 1946, as was the Southern California Edison Company adjustment and will be applied immediately to all wage earners in I.B.E.W. (A.F.L.) units, to all wage earners not represented by unions, and to those wage earners represented by the U.W.U.A. (C.I.O.) upon acceptance of the company's offer by that union.

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More and more, as penicillin and the sulfa drugs come into wide usage, doctors are realizing that neither is a cure-all. Undeniably, these drugs mark an enormous advance in man's conquest of disease. But just as surely, these drugs may do a great deal of harm, Consumers Union's Medical Advisor warns in an article on Chemotherapy in the current issue of *Consumer Reports*.

Indiscriminate use of the drugs is resulting in the development of drug-resistance among many strains of bacteria—a condition in which harmful disease organisms no longer respond to treatment with the drugs. Readers are warned against self-medication with sulfa and penicillin bandages, lozenges, chewing gums and other products being widely sold without prescription in some parts of the country.

WASHINGTON—Immediate increase of 12 to 15 per cent in retail prices for work clothes has been authorized by O.P.A. This action, the O.P.A. said, is the direct result of higher prices for raw textiles and cotton, and recent wage increases in the textile industry. Under the new price schedule workers will pay, for example, \$1.70 instead of \$1.40 at most independent retail stores for a sanforized chambray workshirt, and \$2.72 instead of \$2.44 for sanforized denim bib overalls.

Backing for Postal Pay Boost

WASHINGTON—A bill for a flat pay increase of \$400 a year for most postal employees has been unanimously approved by the Senate Postoffice Committee. The bill has passed the House.

The measure, which has been strongly supported by the National Federation of Post Office Clerks and other Federation of American Labor unions, will provide temporarily for postal employees approximately the same take-home pay for a 40-hour week as they received for a 48-hour week prior to July 6, 1945, when they also received an increase. The bill also provides for a 20 per cent rise for postal employees paid on an hourly or part-time basis.

Agreements With Three Unions

SACRAMENTO—Three local unions, the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees, Laborers' Union, and Miscellaneous Hotel Employees' Union are reported to have signed contracts with the Sacramento Baseball Club to perform various work at the local baseball park. The baseball club has been on the unfair list of Building Service Employees' Union and picket lines have been placed in cities where the Sacramento club played.

Delegate Charles Hardy, Jr. proposed to the S.F. Labor Council on April 26 that the question of jurisdiction be submitted to A.F.L. President Green for decision and that contending parties abide by such decision. International officers of unions involved in the dispute were also communicated with.

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A.F.L.'s Dixie Organizing Campaign Drive Statement

The American Federation of Labor is formulating plans for the largest organizing drive in the South in the history of the trade union movement, President William Green announced.

He emphasized that the chief goal of the drive is to enroll one million new members into A.F.L. unions in the next year and that its direction will be entirely in the hands of the executive officers of the 12 State Federations of Labor in the South and George L. Googe, A.F.L. Southern Representative.

At a recent week-end meeting in Atlanta, A.F.L. Southern leaders completed plans for the third biennial Southern Labor Conference to be held May 11 and 12 at Asheville, N. C.

The organizing drive will be launched at this conference which will be attended by delegates from 8600 A.F.L. local unions now functioning in the South, city and district councils and State Federations of Labor.

President Green, Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, Vice-Presidents William L. Hutcheson, John L. Lewis, and other members of the A.F.L. Executive Council will address the conference, along with officers of the Railway Employees' Department, the Building and Construction Trades Department, the Metal Trades Department, the Government Employees' Council and the Union Label Trades Department.

The spring meeting of the A.F.L. Executive Council following the conference at Asheville and presumably will consider ways and means of supporting the southern drive with assistance from the national organization as well as all affiliated unions.

The Southern Labor Conference, the largest regional Labor gathering in the Nation, will include delegates from West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Among important items on the agenda, besides the organizing drive, are:

- 1.—Co-ordination of national and State legislative and political activities in the South.
- 2.—Hastening of reconversion and expansion of industrial activity in the South through union-management co-operation.
- 3.—Marshalling of Labor forces to resist inroads of Communism and subversive elements.
- 4.—Mobilization of Labor support for the advancement of the economic and social welfare of Southern agriculture through co-operation with farmers' organizations.

The Southern Labor Conference was originally scheduled to be held in 1944 but had to be postponed because of wartime travel restrictions. Attendance will be so large that special arrangements had to be made with the railroads and hotels to accommodate the delegates and guests.

Car Shop Upholsterers Gain

CHICAGO—A 13-cent hourly increase for members employed in the seat-repair shops of this city's streetcar lines was won by Local 18, Upholsterers' International Union in recently concluded negotiations. The union negotiators' success lifts the upholsterers' minimum in these shops to \$1.24 an hour plus a two-cent hourly profit-sharing bonus. The workers also enjoy a 14-day paid vacation after one year's employment.



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Scharrenberg's Report to Governor's Council Given

In Director Paul Scharrenberg's report to the Governor's Council on the activities of the Department of Industrial Relations during the month of March, he calls attention to the record-breaking employment levels in many consumer industries, such as glass and glassware, leather and leather products, women's and children's outer clothing, paper and meat packing. Recent strikes, Director Scharrenberg points out, have tended to focus attention on the decrease in manufacturing employment as a whole, whereas there has been a steady increase in the number of production employees in many so-called consumer industries most of which have not been affected by work stoppages.

Rating of permanently disabling injuries by the Industrial Accident Commission has been greatly expedited by personnel additions to the staff of the Permanent Disability Rating Bureau. These ratings, which previously required a processing period of between six and seven weeks in contested cases, are now being issued within three weeks with every indication that this period will be further reduced. Ratings in uncontested cases required two or three days only, whereas seven months ago they could not be determined in less than three weeks.

Out-of-State residents who have returned to their home States after suffering industrial injury need not return to California in order to protect their compensation rights, whether or not their case is scheduled for hearing before the Industrial Accident Commission. Mr. Scharrenberg, in his report, emphasized the fact that if the California commission requires the injured's testimony, this testimony may be taken by the Industrial Accident Commission in the home State of the injured worker. It is then forwarded to the California commission and becomes a vital part of the case records. In some instances such injured employees, at their own expense, have travelled back to California in order to testify in person before the commission, which was entirely unnecessary since the compensation benefits provided under the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Laws remain in full force and effect whether the injured is living in California or returns to his home State.

The Division of Industrial Welfare collected \$1,463.67 in back wages for 182 women who had not received the minimum wage. The Division of Labor Law Enforcement instituted 45 criminal proceedings against employers for violation of various labor laws. Ten civil suits were filed on behalf of 71 claimants and \$22,965 was collected through judgments secured in suits previously filed. Unpaid wages in the amount of \$78,243 were collected for California workers by this Division during the month of March.

In discussing average hourly and weekly earnings as of February, 1946, Mr. Scharrenberg states that average hourly earnings in most industries are higher than those of a year ago primarily as a result of wage rate increases granted since V-J Day, but that average weekly earnings as a whole are below last year's level because of decreases in working hours and attendant reductions in overtime and premium pay for night shift work. Details on the February 1946 level as compared with the February 1945 level of hourly and weekly wages in durable and non-durable goods industries are contained in the report of the Division of Labor Statistics and Research submitted as a portion of the department's report to the Governor's Council.

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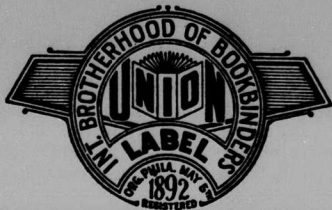
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Industrial Accidents Up

Safety experts are becoming alarmed at the sharp let-down in industrial accident prevention since the war's end. Statistics bear out this fear and justify the apprehension. Frequency of on-the-job injuries in the last six months of 1945 was 5 per cent higher than in the first half of the year. Increasing more sharply than this are the deaths and serious injuries that have occurred. Since the industrial fatalities in the first months of this year are approximately the same as in the early months of 1945, this means a marked rise in the frequency, or rate of injuries, because total man-hours have shrunk.

On-Job Training Program Code

WASHINGTON—A complete "fair practices" code to protect veterans engaged in on-the-job training from exploitation by unscrupulous employers was issued by the Re-employment and Retraining Administration. This is a co-ordinating agency on ex-servicemen's problems, and functions within the Labor Department. Spokesmen for Organized Labor, industry, veterans' groups and educational bodies participated in drafting the code. Copies have been addressed to all State governors with a plea that the standards set forth be adopted throughout the Nation as "minimum safeguards" for ex-servicemen.

Typos Make Gains

INDIANAPOLIS (LPA)—From Honolulu, T. H., to Dover, N. J., the International Typographical Union last week chalked up impressive wage gains under new contracts. In Honolulu, the typos won an \$8 weekly increase, bringing the minimum scale on newspapers and job shops to \$64—an increase of more than 39 per cent over 1941. The Dover wage hike was also \$8, bringing the minimum scale to \$58, or 34 per cent over 1941.

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Vital Issues Imperiled If Congress Quits Soon

WASHINGTON—Many issues highly important to Organized Labor face a tie-up in Congress under increasing pressure for an early summer adjournment.

Minimum wage legislation, the projected loan to Britain, extension of price control beyond June 30, strike control legislation, the House-approved bill to return the U. S. Employment Service to the States, veterans' housing, long-range housing legislation, revision of unemployment compensation, the much-discussed national health program, and broadening of the social security structure are some of the vital issues awaiting action.

I.L.O. Cleveland Discussions

MONTREAL—Government, management and trade union representatives from the world's principal iron and steel producing countries will begin discussions in Cleveland, Ohio, on the social problems of the industry during the transition period, and future international co-operation concerning social policy and its economic foundation in the industry, according to an announcement made here by the International Labor Office. The countries are members of the I.L.O.'s industrial committee on iron and steel, one of seven such bodies established for the world's leading industries.

U. S. Policy in Germany Disturbing

WASHINGTON—American Federation of Labor and some British Labor representatives who are returning from Germany "are greatly disturbed" by what is happening there, Chester Wright's *Labor Letter* says.

"The United States," the *Labor Letter* continues, is de-Nazifying Germany, but it is doing very little to strengthen internal forces of democracy. Social Democrats, German opposition to Hitler, are largely ignored, get little help. The result is Communists are taking over, with the aid of Russia."

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Broadening Use of Community Services

American Labor has come to recognize the importance of community services in the everyday lives of its millions of members. This recognition has been definitely expressed through support of the Labor League for Human Rights program during the past few years.

Despite the recognition Labor is giving community services there is still a need to build up a reservoir of understanding and good-will among union members.

Community services in the voluntary health, welfare and recreational field are among the most complex of all civic undertakings. The scope and usefulness of most community chest agencies can be compared to public utilities. However, in the case of social agencies, there must be much more sensitivity to individual needs.

Working people realize that welfare services are available to them. They point out, however, that in many instances individuals seeking aid are treated in a patronizing manner by professional social workers.

To help remedy this situation the Labor League for Human Rights strongly recommends that community chests employ one or more staff representatives from the ranks of Labor. Such a move will inspire confidence among working people and result in greater use of the services provided by community chest agencies.

This is not an unreasonable recommendation. Community chests have long employed qualified personnel to cultivate relationships with management. They employ experienced newspaper men to handle publicity and public relations. Why should not relationships with the trade union movement be conducted on the same basis?

It is true that thousands of American Federation of Labor volunteers are now serving on boards and committees of welfare organizations throughout America. The growth of A.F.L. volunteer representatives has more than doubled during the past two years. This is a splendid indication of Labor's interest, but it is not enough.

The need for further education in the field of community services is obvious. Additional efforts are necessary if we are to continue to progress in the direction of better relations between Labor and the Community Chests.

During the years to come the ability to hold the interest of Organized Labor in welfare organizations depends on the effort both Labor and the chest movement put into the task ahead. Use of Labor staff personnel will partially fulfill the responsibility of the chests in this respect.

In the Public Interest

(From International Molders' Journal)

Some people call Labor a pressure group, out after selfish advantages.

This is not the case. As the workers are, by far, the majority in this country and the workers' interests are the same everywhere, what is good for the workers is good for the country.

Labor knows that business must make a profit, and that if business does not prosper, neither does Labor. Practically all laws that Organized Labor has supported and fought for, have been beneficial to the whole country.

There are several bills in Congress right now that Organized Labor is supporting, bills that would be good for the country as a whole. Yet a few powerful men are able to keep them from being passed!

Labor should be on its toes to defend this proposed legislation, and it is on its toes—not just for its own sake, but in the public interest.

Wisdom

"I believe in democracy because it releases the energies of every human being.—Woodrow Wilson.

Get Together

By RUTH TAYLOR

"Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." Wasn't it Mark Twain who wrote that? Well, I think we are getting just as bad about the future. I've listened to more depressing conversation lately about what is going to happen. I've heard more people have more and more to say about how soon bad times are coming. But so far I haven't heard many constructive, co-operative, plans to counteract it—other than government ones.

Oh, I know there are lots of people working to be sure that what hits won't hit them! But they do not seem to realize that individualism means individual effort, not individual indifference to one another.

We can either revert to a jungle existence and fight each other for what remains, or we can work together, pooling our resources, to expand production for all of us.

Collective prosperity is not divisible. Without co-operation or collaboration (I like that latter word best because it is co-Labor) we cannot get anywhere. The best plans in the world won't work unless Labor and management, small business and great corporations, farmer and worker, consumer and producer, government and private enterprise—whether that private enterprise be a business or a Labor union—get together on the points they have in common, shelving their differences of method and developing a way of action that will bring prosperity to all.

"When Crew and Captain understand each other to the core, it takes a gale and more than a gale to put their Ship ashore," so Kipling wrote.

We are faced with a storm. A storm in which false ideas, windstorms of terrific intensity will be let loose. Only if we have complete collaboration between all groups in this country can we weather the storm. We must recognize our common ideals, our common basis of moral and spiritual values, and from that basis work out our common destiny together.

Trends in Veterans' Affairs

From the Veterans Department of the Labor League for Human Rights

Terminal Leave for Enlisted Men—The House Military Sub-Committee has approved a bill providing terminal leave for enlisted men. Although the measures provided are still tentative, the bill would provide terminal pay to enlisted men for all unused leave or furlough time since September 8, 1939, in the same manner now provided for officers. Discharged men would be given one year to apply for the pay. The cost is estimated at six billion dollars.

Unemployed Veterans—It is now estimated that the number of unemployed veterans tops the one million mark, according to reports received by the Labor League for Human Rights. The number of veterans drawing readjustment allowances (unemployment insurance) is a fairly accurate check on veteran unemployment. However, not all veterans begin looking for jobs immediately after discharge. An undetermined number spend two, three or more months on "vacation," during which time they are technically unemployed.

New York Approves Resolution to Pay State Bonus—New York State Legislature approved a resolution proposing payment of a \$400,000,000 bonus to an estimated 1,700,000 New Yorkers who saw service. The bonus, to be paid in 1948 to New York servicemen and women will vary in individual amounts from \$50 to \$250 depending upon length of service, overseas duty, etc. Other states are considering bonus payments. A number already have bonus plans in operation.

Social Security Discrimination—The House Ways and Means Committee has opened hearings on the proposed expansion of the social security program. The committee's report agrees that servicemen should receive credits for old age and survivors insurance for the period spent in the armed forces.

As the social security law now stands the veteran is penalized for the time he spent in the service of his country. While he was in service there were no payments made to social security and as a result there is a break in his ratings, or, where credits were small, they have been lost entirely.

Two proposals are being considered to remedy this unfair situation:

(1) Veterans would accumulate credits for time spent in the service, just as though they were working in covered employment, with the government paying the cost.

(2) Veterans' Social Security status would be frozen for the period they were in service. They would neither lose nor gain credits during this period.

Pictureless Cartoon

"Brothahs an' sistahs," intoned the visiting reverend, "Ah got wif me \$1, \$2 and \$5 sermons. De deacons will now pass de plate so's Ah kin see which talk yo' craves."

Clarion Calls

BY TEMPLE SHOOPER

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED: How chic the "up-swept" hair-do looks on Mary McDonald? How Eddie Malady is always quoting E. V. Durling? How that new mustache of Bob Paterson's makes him look even more handsome?

The dulcet tones ringing through the Labor Temple at any time of day or night belong to none other than Tom ("Bing") Rotell, and, of course, for all the Swoonatra fans we have Bill ("Just-Call-Me Frankie") Sloane!

While glancing through an old edition of the *Labor Clarion* (June 8, 1917, to be exact), we note that the Labor Temple Auditorium was then being rented for dancing. . . . We wonder how many of the present day delegates who now attend meetings here have tripped the light fantastic in this very same place!

It seems Eleanor Nessier has received a lot of kidding about the front of her car being "smashed up" . . . but she says she has two witnesses to prove that a S. F. Police Officer backed into it!

Clipping the "Gyps"

From time to time the Labor Clarion will print items concerning the unscrupulous gentry that ply their illegal trade within the confines of San Francisco. The Better Business Bureau will be our source of information.

Warning is given to those desiring to rent a house to be on the lookout for a woman described as middle-aged, about 5 ft. 1 in. and weighing 155 pounds, who allegedly is approaching women in the downtown area offering to rent her house provided a deposit is paid immediately. One woman who paid \$10 as a deposit on a two-story house called at the address later in the day to inspect the property. She found only a small cottage occupied by a family who knew nothing about the woman who collected the deposit and who had no intentions of selling their property or renting it. Inquiry for seven blocks in the immediate area revealed no one who had ever heard of the alleged property owner.

William C. Cravens, promoter of a gauze bandage venture, was found guilty on two counts of grand theft April 25. A total of \$5,720 was obtained by him from a local man and woman for interests in the business through false representations. During the trial, which lasted eleven days, it was brought out that for a period of more than ten years Cravens obtained money by claiming to be the inventor of an adhesive gauze bandage. It was alleged that at no time did he produce such a bandage and that previous ventures promoted in other cities were also failures. Sentence was delayed on motion for new trial.

Housewives who purchased cards which presumably entitled them to call at a downtown department store for a pair of nylon hosiery were disillusioned on Tuesday. The store knows nothing of the offer, and has not hired anyone to sell hosiery cards to the public and cannot honor the cards. "Do not pay cash deposits to a stranger for nylon or rayon hosiery orders," Muriel Tsvetkoff, general manager of the Better Business Bureau urged local women. "A flood of complaints to this bureau indicates that several middle-aged and elderly women were biling gullible housewives in this area."

John G. Levison, president of the Better Business Bureau, announced the appointment of a special committee to study ways and means of preventing fake schemes designed to fleece the public and veterans of their wartime savings. The following business executives were selected to serve on this committee: Carl Eastman, chairman; Howard Willoughby, Sydney Walton, Orla St. Clair, Stanley Rising, Rudolph Gingg, O. R. Doerr, Renolds J. Barbieri.

Labor Day Parade Items

The first meeting of the Labor Day Parade Committee is scheduled for Saturday night, May 4, at 8 o'clock, in the auditorium of the Labor Temple. All unions are urged to have delegates present at this and following meetings. Permanent officers for Labor Day and other matters necessary to a proper celebration will be handled at this meeting.

The line of march for the parade will be submitted to the Labor Day Committee as outlined and suggested by the San Francisco Police Department.

Unions desiring bands should immediately contact Musicians' Union, No. 6, 230 Jones street, PRospect 8118.

Council Vice-President Rotell announced to the delegates at the April 26 meeting of the Labor Council that the A.B.C. Emblem and Pennant Company has been organized by Upholsterers' Union, No. 3, and that a complete line of banners, pennants and other articles necessary for a parade are available, all bearing the union label.

New S.F. Bay Crossing Advocated by Rep. Welch

Representative Richard J. Welch received from the House Committee on Naval Affairs a unanimous report in favor of his House Resolution 529 on April 15 which calls upon the Secretaries of Navy and War to appoint a joint board to investigate and report on the need of constructing a bridge between San Francisco and Bay Farms Island.

Two plans were submitted: one to construct a high or low level bridge from Hunters Point to Bay Farms Island, or to carry into effect the "Reber Plan" of a series of dams and causeways.

The Navy Department reported unfavorably notwithstanding the recommendation of the House committee on the construction of another trans-bay bridge. Their principal objection was based on the expansion of Hunters Point naval drydock, the Alameda Naval Air Station, and the Oakland naval supply base. Their report did subscribe that the bridge is feasible but unnecessary from a defense standpoint.

Representative Welch calls upon the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, civic and other organizations of every kind to pass resolutions urging the necessity of another bridge spanning the Bay for the development of the San Francisco area.

Green Endorses Havenner

President William Green of the A.F.L. has forwarded a letter to the San Francisco Labor Council giving his unqualified endorsement to Representative Havenner. Mr. Green stated: "During the present Congress, Labor has been obliged to combat many assaults upon it, including many anti-Labor legislative proposals. Congressman Havenner has stood firmly with us during these times and has supported our position and invariably voted with us. For these reasons I call upon Labor and its friends in his district to work and vote for him in the coming campaigns and elections."

Police Fight to Organize Union

ST. LOUIS—St. Louis policemen, aided by the city's Labor Movement, are vigorously continuing the legal fight for the right to organize, which has been denied them by the Board of Police Commissioners. Latest move by St. Louis Policemen's Local No. 549, A.F.L., is dismissal by Circuit Judge Eugene J. Sartorius of the suit to prevent the police commissioners from enforcing an ancient departmental rule against unionization.

Benedetti Moves to New Store

Moving into a beautiful and spacious new store at 2964 Sixteenth Street, a few doors east of their old location, the Benedetti Floral Company welcomed their customers on April 30 with a wide range of flowers for all occasions. The organization is 100 per cent union and has enjoyed the patronage of union people for years.

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Deaths in Labor's Ranks

IN SAN FRANCISCO

Heintz, Howard H.—April 24; Painters' 1158.
Smith, Harry L.—April 25; Painters' 1158.
Reavely, Harry I.—April 26; Bottlers' 293.
Bjork, Rudolph—April 27; Floor Layers' Union.
Dodson, Thomas—April 28; Hotel Service Workers' 283.

OUTSIDE OF SAN FRANCISCO

Vieux, Robert M.—In Niles, Calif., April 24; Electricians' 595.
Sanders, Harold D.—In San Mateo, Calif., April 28; Sheetmetal Workers' 272.

March Industrial Expansion

March 1946 industrial development for Northern California exceeded March 1945 expansions by over \$5,000,000, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Industrial Department announced. Bay Area (12 counties) and San Francisco figures for March 1946 are as follows:

Bay Area new plants..... 77 costing \$4,718,000
Bay Area expansions..... 59 costing 4,503,000
Total projects136 costing \$9,221,000

San Francisco new plants..... 22 costing \$1,931,000
San Francisco expansions..... 26 costing 881,500
Total projects 48 costing \$2,812,500

The new San Francisco plants will provide about 550 new jobs while factory expansions in the city will create approximately 140 additional jobs.

California Derby Day

Followers of the bangtails have a fine program listed at Bay Meadows on Saturday, May 4, when the California Derby will be run. This race is for three-year-olds, the distance being a mile and one-sixteenth. Purse amounts to \$20,000. A fine field has been entered in this particular race and with the other races being up to the Bay Meadows' standard, the afternoon promises to be full of thrills for the fans.

Conciliators' Box Score

WASHINGTON—A "box-score" presented by Edgar L. Warren, chief of the U. S. Conciliation Service, shows that nearly 90 per cent of the Nation's Labor disputes submitted to conciliators wind up in settlements. In 448 of the 524 cases where strike votes had been taken in March, the report declared, agreements were effected without work stoppage. Out of 483 others, conciliators ironed out differences in 411.

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Change in Telephone Users' Practices Listed

In case you missed the previous release concerning expansion of dial phone service, we are printing the following for your information:

Telephone users with WEst, WAlnut and YUkon numbers will have a code numeral added to their telephone prefixes, next November, to fit the pattern for future expansion of dial service including, ultimately, the dialing of calls to other cities, it was announced by Lyle M. Brown, division manager of the telephone company. The numeral "1" will be added to WEst and WAlnut prefixes, while "6" will be used with YUkon.

Mr. Brown stated that the addition of the digit to the telephone numbers served by the three central offices "paves the way for new dial offices to be installed during the next few years, and is a step toward Nationwide dialing of long distance calls by operators. It is also a step toward customer dialing of inter-city calls in certain areas."

The new number arrangement will be included in the next telephone directory, scheduled for delivery in November. For example: YUkon 4567 will become YUkon 6-4567, and require seven pulls on the dial, or Y-U-6-4-5-6-7.

Mr. Brown suggested that customers served by WEst, WAlnut and YUkon telephones will wish to keep the number revision in mind when ordering future supplies of printed matter where reference is made to their telephone number.

Australian Visitor

On his way to attend the Cleveland meeting of the I.L.O., Guy R. G. Anderson stopped off in San Francisco to view the beauties of the city and to get some knowledge of the A.F.L. Labor Movement. Labor Council Secretary John O'Connell was host to Mr. Anderson. As an executive member of the Australian Council of Trades Unions, Mr. Anderson was particularly anxious to gain all the information possible about American Labor.

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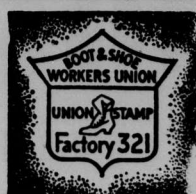
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APPRECIATION

May 15th you have the opportunity to express appreciation for long and effective service in your behalf and for the Union.

Each of the candidates endorsed by the Independent Club has faithfully and unselfishly served the Union; each is exceptionally capable and deserves your vote and support.

For Delegate:

GEORGE HOLLAND (News Chairman); member scale committee.

O. J. ("Jack") SCHIMKE (Wall Street Journal); served on both Scale and Membership Committee for years.

MARGARET MAC LEOD (Secretary-Treasurer; Job branch); has served you efficiently for years; never too rushed to be cheerfully helpful.

C. M. (Cliff) SMITH (Job branch); has rendered years of service on Executive Committee and on the Scale Committee for many years.

For Alternate Delegate:

FRANCIS HEURING (Chairman Shopping News); given long service to Union on Auditing Committee.

"ED" GALLICK (Chairman Eureka Press); a most forceful and effective chairman; well known in job branch.

J. D. BAIRD (Call); has given many Sunday mornings to serving you on the Auditing Committee.

GUY L. TODD (Chairman Call-Bulletin); one of the younger chairmen repeatedly elected by his chapel; rendered splendid service on last Scale Committee.

Delegates to California State Federation of Labor Convention:

C. M. BAKER; President No. 21.

GEORGE FINIGAN; long service on Union Committees.

The above candidates are outstanding; they deserve your support; they've earned your appreciation; reciprocate by VOTING FOR HOLLAND, SCHIMKE, MAC LEOD, SMITH, HUERING, GALLICK, BAIRD and TODD on

MAY 15, 1946

INDEPENDENT CLUB

J. B. LOCKMAN, Secretary.

Run o' the Hook

By C. M. BAKER,
President of Typographical Union No. 21

E. A. Eickworth, who declined when nominated for delegate at the April meeting, was late last Friday nominated for the same office by "petition" signed by a number of members of two newspaper chapels—the *Chronicle* and *News*. The filing of the petition for Mr. Eickworth presumably came about when it was found that two of those nominated at the Union meeting and later endorsed by the Progressives were ineligible under union laws. With the late nomination by petition, both the Independent and Progressives will present four candidates for election as delegates May 15. The four Independent candidates are equally divided between the job and newspaper branch, Secretary MacLeod and Cliff Smith coming from commercial while George Holland and Jack Schimke are from newspaper chapels. The Progressive candidates, three from the newspapers and one from the job branch, are Messrs. Eickworth, Stone, Waterson (newspaper), and Wilchman (job).

Last week Chairman Todd of the *Call-Bulletin* received word that "Vic" Myers of that chapel, who was called East because of the serious illness of his mother, while stopping over for a few days in Yosemite en route home, was suddenly stricken ill and underwent an emergency operation for removal of gall stones. The operation, performed at Lewis Memorial Hospital in Yosemite Valley, was successful and "Vic" is rapidly recuperating.

Walter Grafe, head of the adroom in the *Examiner* chapel, left some days ago for an extended vacation on his ranch near Chester in the Mt. Lassen district.

Secretary MacLeod returned to headquarters on Monday after a week's delightful vacation. Illness deprived No. 21's popular secretary of a vacation in 1945 and when the opportunity to accompany her son on a motor trip to Colorado presented itself, Mrs. MacLeod seized it, stating that she had deferred her vacation last year until late, and wound up spending the period in a hospital. Secretary MacLeod had a most pleasant trip, both going eastward and returning by rail. While in Colorado she spent a day at the Union Printers Home and visited briefly with all No. 21 members resident there.

In 1945 there were nineteen advertisers who each spent one million or more dollars for newspaper space. The soap manufacturers led the list of advertisers. Proctor & Gamble was first with \$3,789,298 for newspaper advertising, Colgate-Palmolive-Peet was next with \$2,827,749, followed by Lever Bros. with \$2,771,366. Only two West Coast corporations are listed in the leading 100 newspaper advertisers. Those two were California Fruit Growers' Exchange, \$619,926, and Standard Oil Company of California with \$298,788. Printers and publishers using newspaper advertising liberally were Doubleday, Doran & Co. (\$1,183,035), Curtis Publishing Co. (\$1,020,108), and Hearst Magazines, Inc. (\$484,935). Few newspapers used competing mediums for advertising. Largest individual expenditures by newspapers for advertising space in other daily publications were by the *Wall Street Journal* (\$46,110), *Chicago Journal of Commerce* (\$26,758) and *Louisville Courier-Journal and Times* (\$17,469). Hearst Newspapers spent \$182,503 for newspaper advertising in 1945 and Scripps-Howard \$14,837.

One hundred and twenty one women, many of them outstanding in their profession, now control daily newspapers, either as publishers or editors, according to a survey by *Editor & Publisher*. Fifteen California daily newspapers are now controlled by women. The survey reveals that most of the feminine publishers succeeded either a husband or a father.

Genial John Bardsley, who had been operating at the *Wall Street Journal* for a long time, has taken on the job of machinist-operator at the Lakeside Press, vacated some time ago by Cecil Green, who took a traveling card and is now working in the East Bay.

J. P. Drury, a former "sit" holder at the *Wall Street Journal*, who after a last "fling" at sea had been working in job shops following return to the city, fell heir to the situation vacated by Bardsley.

N. Y. Firemen Join A.F.L. Union

NEW YORK—Nearly all officers and men of the New York Fire Department have enrolled in the American Federation of Labor. This development came at a meeting of an independent group including 1100 officers, ranging from lieutenant to chief. At a ceremony at the office of the Uniformed Firemen's Association, the Uniformed Fire Officers' Association received its charter as Local 852 in the International Association of Fire Fighters. Captain Elmer A. Ryan is president of the new group.

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By LOUISE A. ABBOTT

The regular business meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at Sagamore Hall, Red Man's Building, 240 Golden Gate avenue. The next meeting will be of vital importance. Keep the date in mind, and plan to attend, Tuesday, May 21, 1946. Nomination of officers for the ensuing year.

At the annual Poets' Dinner held recently at the Hotel Claremont, Oakland, Mrs. Ina L. Rickard was honored by winning two awards for her poetical ability. Mrs. Rickard, retired printer, News chapel, is a member of the Ina Coolbrith Society, and won first prize for her humorous entry and sixth prize for the serious entry, and was the only San Francisco winner. Her pen name is Ina Drake Sweet, and she has written many poems and song lyrics. Her winners will be published in a future edition of the *Labor Clarion*.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bardsley enjoyed a pleasant surprise, when their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Gibson and grandson Bobby, came up from the southland to visit them for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Allyn are vacationing in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young departed last week for Colorado Springs, to enjoy a vacation with his only sister. While there our W.I.A. label chairman will visit Mrs. Margaret Littlejohn, W.I.A. secretary-treasurer, whose home is in that city.

Mrs. E. M. Blackford returned from Santa Cruz where she attended the annual convention of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. A delegate from Mary France Tent, Mrs. Blackford was elected department color bearer, and we congratulate her on this honor.

During a recent pleasant evening with the George Hollands, we were impressed with the way their youngest daughter, Barbara Gean, buffaloes the printers present by dropping her spoon just to watch them pick it up for her. Big sister Margo received her share of attention in the form of candy and chewing gum.

A card from entertainment chairman Roby Wilchman states that she and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Clarence Wilchman arrived safely in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Union Printers Golf Association

By PAUL E. GALLAGHER

A banner group of 50 members and guests turned out for the April tournament, played at Crystal Springs Golf Course on Sunday, April 28. Weather was a bit on the windy side, which kept the scores a trifle higher than they ordinarily might have been. Honors in Class A went to E. M. Blackford for first place with 91-18-73; second place to Ron Cameron with 84-11-73; third place to Charles Nicholson with 85-11-74, and fourth place to Cy Stright with 90-16-74. President Earl Mead took first place in Class B with 91-19-72, Ben Apte second with 94-22-72; Elmer Darr third with 91-18-73, and fourth place went to L. J. Brewster with 96-21-75. Bob Smith is at it again, taking first place in Class C with 99-23-76. Jimmy Otis second with 106-30-76, Tim Godfrey third with 107-30-77, and fourth place to Larry Ullo with 106-29-77.

The blind bogey guest flight was won by D. Van Zandt, guest of Jack Tappendorff; second place to Byron Teel, son of Al Teel; third place to G. Perry, guest of Howard Watson, and fourth place to Major J. West, guest of Earl Mead.

The hole-in-one contest was won by Art Linkous with a shot 7 feet 3 inches from the pin, W. Scott (guest) second, and Howard Watson third. Others receiving measurements were Charles White, Fred Bartell, R. W. Smith and Ben Apte.

In the Annual Championship Match Play, first round results follow:

Wayne Dye defeated Luke Lansberry, 3 and 2.
Howard Watson defeated Harry Darr, 2 and 1.
C. Nicholson defeated Ben Apte, 2 up.
R. W. Smith defeated Bud Stuck, 2 and 1.
Cy Stright defeated Jess Conaway, 2 and 1.
Charles Forst defeated Eddie Schmieder, 1 up.
Earl Mead defeated Elmer Darr, 1 up.
Larry Ullo defeated John Rice, 3 and 2.
J. Otis defeated Roy Donovan, 4 and 3.
Charles White defeated E. M. Blackford, 1 up.
Ron Cameron defeated Art Linkous, 3 and 2.
J. McAndrews defeated Walt Valiant, 1 up.
L. J. Brewster defeated Al Teel, 2 and 1.
J. Tappendorff defeated Earl Browne, 19th hole.
Percy Crebassa defeated Paul E. Gallagher, 2 and 1.
L. E. Aldrich defeated Tim Godfrey, 3 up.

Pairings for the second round of the championship match play and for the first round of play for the President's Plaque will be published next week.

Low gross score for the day was turned in by Ron Cameron who turned in a neat 40 for the first side and a 44 for the back side. Howard Watson birdied the 10th hole, Chas. White, Art Linkous, Elmer Darr, Ben Apte, the 11th hole, and Cy Stright the 15th hole.

Friday, May 3, 1946

S. F. LABOR COUNCIL

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SYNOPSIS OF MEETING OF THE SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL HELD FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 26, 1946

Meeting called to order at 8:15 p. m. by Vice-President Rotell; Brother White acting as vice-president.

Roll Call of Officers—All present, excepting President Shelley, who was excused.

Approval of Minutes—Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed in the *LABOR CLARION*.

Credentials—Referred to Organizing Committee: Blacksmiths No. 168—Gordon N. Lair vice Frank Mullen, Master Furniture Guild No. 1285—L. D. Koonce, R. J. O'Rourke, Ann O'Leary; Molders No. 164—Thomas A. Rotell, William P. McCabe, John J. Gibson, John F. Metcalf, and Sailors' Union of the Pacific—Joseph St. Angelo. Application for affiliation with the Labor Council from Marble Shopmen and Helpers No. 95 and credential for John S. Nessman as a delegate from that union.

Report of the Organizing Committee—(Meeting held Friday, April 26.) Meeting called to order at 7:30 p. m. Roll was called and absentees noted. The following were examined and having been found to possess the proper qualifications, they were recommended by your committee to be seated as delegates to this Council: Apartment and Hotel Employees No. 14—James Sturgeon, Operating Engineers No. 64—Dan E. Brown, Printing Pressmen No. 24—Joel C. Cook, S. P. Kane, Paul W. Van Zandt, and Shipfitters No. 9—George H. Smith. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

Communications—Filed: From American National Red Cross, receipt for \$2109.50 contributed by various unions. From Retail Shoe and Textile Union No. 410, reporting they have executed a union shop agreement with the Gallenkamp Shoe Stores. From Photoengravers No. 8, advising that the negotiations between their organization, The Northern California Photoengravers' Association and the Pacific Neo Gravure Company have been consummated. From Building Service Employees No. 87, withdrawing their request for strike sanction against the San Francisco Laundry Owners' Association. From William Green, president, American Federation of Labor, calling upon Labor in this district to work and vote for Congressman Haveren in the coming election. From the California State Federation of Labor, *Weekly News Letters*, dated April 17th and 24th.

Bills were read, approved by the trustees and ordered paid. **Donations**—To the Red Cross: From Coopers No. 65—\$216, from Cap Makers No. 9—\$21, from Office Employees No. 36—\$73.50.

Referred to the Executive Committee—From Sanitary Truck Drivers No. 350, submitting proposed wage contract for Hog Ranch Drivers. From Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers, requesting strike sanction against Grants, 385 Taylor street, and Gelts Restaurant, Polk and California streets. From Apartment and Hotel Employees No. 14, requesting strike sanction against the apartment houses at 1000 Powell street, owned by Dr. A. B. Chinn. From Printing Specialties and Paper Converters No. 362, requesting strike sanction against the Folding and Set-Up Paper Box Industry in the Bay Area (19 firms involved).

Referred to the Secretary—From Warehousemen No. 860, lodging a complaint against the S. H. Kress Company and requesting strike sanction against said company. From Office Employees No. 36, submitting copy of contract and wage schedule with Ray Oil Burner Company and stating that it may be necessary to call upon the Council for assistance in the near future in this regard.

Referred to Strategy Committee, Department Store Employees No. 1100—From Watchmakers' Union, telegram pledging their full support in the event of controversy with O'Connor Moffatt Co. From Production and Aeronautical Workers No. 1327, pledging \$1000 and a fine of \$50 on any member caught going through picket line if pickets are placed at O'Connor Moffatt. From Plumbers No. 590, pledging \$1000 if this fight is carried out. From Sailors' Union of the Pacific, pledging \$1000 and pickets if necessary. From Mailers No. 18, pledging \$100. From Window Cleaners No. 44, pledging \$350.

Referred to the Labor Day Committee—The following organizations advise that they will participate in the Labor Day Parade, September 2: Lumber Clerks No. 2559, Production and Aeronautical Workers No. 1327, Roofers No. 40, Shipfitters No. 9, Steamfitters No. 590, Bricklayers No. 7, Bay Counties District Council of Painters No. 8, and Painters No. 1158. The following unions report they will be unable to participate in the parade: Elevator Constructors, Printing Specialties and Paper Converters No. 362, Commercial Telegraphers No. 34, and Barbers No. 148. (The secretary asked those unions who have not yet notified the Council of their intent to parade to please do so at once and appoint their committees.)

Referred to the Labor Clarion—Telegram from the Western Division of Retail Clerks, stating that a Statewide union shop has been agreed to by Gallenkamp Shoe Stores and thanking the Labor Council for its assistance in this matter. From the California State Federation of Labor, enclosing copy of new anti-Labor initiative petition for which signatures are being solicited throughout the State; also a request from Secretary Haggerty to contact our Congressmen when they are home urging them to vote favorably on the bill which will provide for the return of workers' contributions to those States which may have disability insurance programs.

Referred to the Post-War Planning Committee—From Congressman Richard J. Welch, relative to the construction of another bridge from San Francisco to Bay Farm Island.

Request Concurred In—From Thomas White reporting as representative on the Registration Committee. He stated the registration for the Primary Election is the highest in the history of San Francisco. As a representative of the A.F.L. on this committee, he pledged the A.F.L. to our share in the budget for this work; an amount of \$300. The Metal Trades donated \$100 and it is expected that the Building Trades would also donate \$100. Motion made and seconded that the Labor Council donate \$100 of this pledge; carried.

Report of Executive Committee—(Meeting held Monday, April 15.) Meeting called to order at 8 p. m. In the matter of the Laundry and Cleaning Drivers No. 256 and Cleaning and Dye House Workers No. 7, requesting strike sanction against the New Method Cleaners, Main and Maple streets, Redwood City, and agencies in San Francisco, Brothers Vaughn and Romiguere were present representing their respective unions. Although notified to appear, no one from the company put in an appearance. The basis of this complaint is the employment of non-union people and the refusal of the employer to sign an agreement. Your committee recommends that strike sanction be granted. (This matter was reported settled and the secretary instructed to file communication.) In the matter of the Retail Shoe and Textile Union No. 410, requesting strike sanction against the Gallenkamp Shoe Store, Brothers Silverstein and Crossler were present representing the clerks. No one put in an appearance representing the firm. It was reported to the committee that the State Council of Clerks is now in conference with the firm to try to evolve a Statewide agreement.

The unions in several cities throughout the State are now picketing the Gallenkamp Stores, San Francisco being the only exception. Your committee recommends that strike sanction be granted. (This matter reported settled; file.) In the matter of the Department Store Employees No. 1100, requesting strike sanction against the Woolworth, Kress and Newberry Stores, Messrs. O'Connell and Herring were present representing the two firms of Kress and Woolworth. It was indicated on the part of both the union and the firms to get together and continue negotiations to the end that an agreement might be reached. A meeting was arranged for 10 a. m. Tuesday, April 16, and a sub-committee of the Executive Committee was appointed to attend said conference; namely, Sister Finkenbinder and Brother Johns. This matter will be held in committee awaiting a report on said conference. In the matter of the Building Service Employees No. 87, requesting strike sanction against the Sacramento Baseball Association, Inc., of Sacramento, California, this move on the part of the Building Service Employees involves many, many unions. It appears that all the unions with the exception of the Building Service Employees have agreements with the Sacramento Baseball Association. The Building Service Employees are now picketing ball parks where the Sacramento team is playing and announced that they will continue that activity. After a lengthy discussion of all points involved, this matter was referred to the secretary to call a meeting of the involved unions and the Building Service Employees to try to arrive at an understanding. It was called to the attention of the committee that the Department Store situation was liable to precipitate some difficulty which would involve many unions affiliated with the Council. The Secretary was instructed to send a multiple wire to the affiliated unions requesting them to send their officers to a meeting, Thursday, April 18, at 1:30 p. m., in the Labor Temple to devise ways and means of handling the situation should trouble ensue. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p. m. (The report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

Report of the Executive Committee Meeting (held Monday, April 22.) Meeting called to order at 8 p. m. In the matter of the Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers and Bartenders, requesting strike sanction against the Dugout Cafe, Mr. Chelini appeared for the firm. Brothers Burke and St. Peter represented the union. The basis of this complaint is that the Joint Board has no contract with this firm. Mr. Chelini stated that it is merely a partnership consisting of three partners and they employ no one. The three partners' names appear on the license. Mr. Chelini says that he will sign a contract in the event of their hiring anyone and that they would send to the union for their help. (Reported settled; file.) The Local Joint Board reported that their differences with The Moon, 42 Clay street, have been settled. Your committee recommends that this communication be filed. With regard to The Gelts Cafeteria, 91 Sixth street, although notified to appear, no one put in an appearance from this firm. Your committee recommends that strike sanction be granted against this firm. In the matter of the Building Service Employees No. 87, requesting strike sanction against the San Francisco Laundry Owners' Association, this matter was reported settled and your committee recommends that this communication be filed. In the matter of the agreement submitted by Retail Fruit and Vegetable Clerks No. 1017, Brother Brodke appeared and explained the changes, to-wit: the establishment of a forty-hour week, an increase in wages and specified holidays. This agreement has received the endorsement of their International Union and your committee recommends endorsement. In the matter of Blindcraft, requesting a contribution, your committee recommends that they be given \$10. The sub-committee on the Department Store Employees' situation reported on the progress of their negotiations with the Retailers' Council and O'Connor Moffatt and Company and requested that the committee of three be augmented in order to handle any contingency that might arise in reference to these matters confronting Local 1100. To the committee of three, consisting of Thomas Rotell, Metal Trades Council; Wendell Phillips and Hazel O'Brien, San Francisco Labor Council, were added the following representatives: Harold Lopez, Joint Council of Teamsters; Jack Smith, Building Trades Council; Joe Bailey, Allied Printing Trades Council; Al Lorenzetti, Building Service Employees; John O'Connell, Labor Council; Harry Lundeborg, Waterfront Crafts; Al Wynn, Metal Trades Council, and A. Ben Crossler, District Council of Clerks. Your committee recommends that, inasmuch as there is no progress being made in these negotiations, the San Francisco Labor Council release strike sanction to Department Store Employees No. 1100. (Brother Phillips reported that as a result of negotiations between Mr. Storie of the Employers' Council and himself, they have reached an agreement which both Local 1100 and the policy committee of the Retailers' Council have agreed to recommend favorably to their organizations and for the moment the strike is off. The vice-president stated that the matter will be left in the hands of the committee until further report.) Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p. m. (Report of the committee concurred in as a whole.)

Announcements—Vice-President Rotell announced that the ABC Emblem and Pennant Company have organized with the Upholsterers No. 3 and will bear the union label on their products. Brother Flanagan announced a meeting of the needle trades union representatives in the Labor Temple Library at 10 a. m. Monday, April 29. The secretary announced that there would be no meeting of the Executive Committee on Monday, April 29.

Reports of Unions—Shoe and Textile Union No. 410 reported that Gallenkamp Shoe Stores had settled and thanked the officers and delegates for their assistance. Jewelry Workers No. 36 reported that after four months they have settled with Shreve and Company with two separate agreements, one for the ring manufacturers and one for silverware manufacturers; thanked those unions who gave them aid. Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 90 reported that they have all the steamship companies signed up with an agreement. Civil Service Janitors No. 66-A reported that the A.F.L. Departmental Council of City Employees is now functioning and invited those unions who have members wholly or partially employed by the city to join the Council. Operating Engineers No. 64 reported that Johns-Manville Company in Redwood City has locked out their people and asked the Council to place this firm on the Unfair List. (Brother Rotell suggested that this matter be referred to the secretary to call a meeting of the involved parties in an attempt to bring about an agreement.) Automotive Warehousemen No. 241 reported that they took action at their last meeting to fine any member caught going through a picket line \$50.

New Business—It was announced that the Community Chest is going to place two full-time members on their payroll, one from the A.F.L. and one from the C.I.O., to work on contacts during their drives and public relations during the rest of the time. Anyone having names to suggest for this position should send them to the office of the secretary of this Council.

Receipts, \$1558.60; disbursements, \$2377.69.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p. m.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

San Francisco and State March Wage Figures Given

Hourly earnings of wage earners in manufacturing industries in the San Francisco Bay Industrial area were higher in March than at any time since V-J Day, Paul Scharrenberg, Director of Industrial Relations, announced.

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing wage earners rose to approximately \$1.27 in March from \$1.26 in February. The current level compares with an all-time high of \$1.39 per hour reported in November 1944 and with an average of \$1.34 in August 1945.

As a result of post-war declines in working time, average weekly earnings of manufacturing workers remained well below wartime levels. Production workers averaged \$48.27 per week in March and \$49.06 in February in contrast to an average of \$62.37 in November 1944.

Hours per week of industrial workers in the area dropped to an average of 38.0 in March from 39.0 in February and the June 1945 high of 45.8.

Reflecting widespread wage-rate increases, average hourly earnings in California manufacturing industries are approaching wartime peak levels. Because of the post-war reduction in working time, however, average weekly earnings remain substantially below wartime levels.

In all manufacturing industries combined, hourly earnings of factory workers averaged \$1.25 in March compared with \$1.23 in February and with a wartime high of \$1.27 in November 1944.

Average weekly earnings in manufacturing industries as a whole advanced to \$49.21 in March from \$48.67 in February. The current level contrasts with the December 1944 peak of \$57.60.

Manufacturing wage earners worked 39.4 hours per week this March compared with 39.5 hours in February and the wartime high of 45.6 hours.

Of Interest to Printing Trades

Saturday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock over Columbia Broadcasting System's local outlet, Station KQW, another in the series of "Cross Section—A.F.L." programs should prove of interest to the printing trades unions. Scheduled to speak are John B. Haggerty, president of the International Allied Printing Trades Association, and Oscar Whitehouse, secretary of the union employers of the Printing Industry of America. They will speak from a printing plant in Washington, D. C.

Favors Tax Reduction

The San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council meeting of April 18 concurred in a resolution submitted by Steamfitters, No. 509, which petitions that "Federal Income Taxes on earnings of under \$3000 per year be eliminated." Another resolution submitted by Painting and Decorating Contractors of California was concurred in. This resolution would allow home owners and other non-income properties the privilege of tax reductions for maintenance or improvements.

Shreve Strike Settled

After four months of strike action against Shreve & Co., Jewelry Workers No. 36 settled their difficulties with the company and made two separate agreements—one for the ring manufacturers and one for silverware manufacturing branch. While not securing their demands 100 per cent, it was felt by the membership of the union that at the present time the agreements would suffice their needs.

New International Official

ST. LOUIS —Joseph P. Clark, president of the Central Trades and Labor Union, and business manager of St. Louis Firemen and Oilers Local No. 6, has been elected by the executive board of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers International Union to fill the unexpired term of John Clinton, general secretary-treasurer of the international, who died recently.



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Bay Area Labor Week

April 24—Office workers of the Metropolitan Insurance Company locally rejected C.I.O. United Office and Professional Workers' Union by vote of 245 for to 404 against. . . . A.F.L. Millmen's Union, No. 42, and planing mill operators in six Bay Area counties opened arbitration hearings.

April 25—C.I.O. Utility Workers say they will not turn off gas or electricity unless ordered to do so by P. G. and E. when and if the union should strike. . . . A.F.L. cannery workers continue to work canneries in spite of second N.L.R.B. order to canneries to cease recognizing A.F.L. workers and agreements.

April 26—P. G. and E. announces 2 1/2 per cent wage increase (text elsewhere in this issue) to 11,000 workers and were accused by C.I.O. of "dishonesty" in disclosing the negotiation.

April 27—Charges were made that C.I.O. longshoremen were picketing a cannery at Stockton where cannery owners had signed an A.F.L. contract; a teamster union official was beaten in a picket line melee.

April 28—C.I.O. threaten to throw full force of that organization into the California cannery controversy. . . . P. G. and E. strike postponed pending further negotiations before a U. S. Labor Department conciliator from Washington.

April 29—Members of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers will not cross C.I.O. picket lines if and when strike against P. G. and E. is called, stated Charles W. Mason, international representative of I.B.E.W.

April 30—Local meat market butchers have requested that meat markets close on Monday to enable the men to work 40 hours instead of the present 48; no comment was forthcoming from employers' spokesmen. . . . new union of telephone workers opened a four-day meeting in Oakland on May 1; the new organization claims 7000 of the 45,000 workers in the telephone industry on Pacific Coast.

Discuss This Matter With Your Congressman

Secretary Haggerty of the California State Federation of Labor has issued the following communication and it behooves all workers, union officials and other interested parties to follow the program contained therein. Mr. Haggerty's statement follows:

"With the enactment of the Disability Insurance Law at the last special session of the State Legislature, benefit payments are scheduled to start no later than May, 1947. A special provision, however, would enable payments to begin much earlier if the return from the Federal treasury of unemployment insurance taxes paid by California workers for 1944 and 1945 can be arranged. It is now indicated that Congressional action will be needed to authorize such a return. Because it means so much to our people and the wage earners throughout the State, it is important to try to get the new law functioning as quickly as possible.

"I have been informed by Mr. Bryant, chairman of the California Employment Stabilization Commission, that a bill which will provide for the return of workers' contributions to those States which may have disability insurance programs, will be introduced by Congressman B. W. Gearhart. It is, therefore, important that during the period when your congressmen are at home that you contact them personally, urging them to vote favorably on such a proposal, which will undoubtedly be submitted by the time they return to Washington."

Johnny Fields Improves

Word from the Johnny Fields' residence is to the effect that, while he is still a sick man, improvement in his condition has been noted. It is expected that he will be confined to his home for 10 days.

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